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The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): Method for grinding a saw chain (26), comprising steps of:

clamping said saw chain (26) being clamped in a position suitable for grinding,

manually transferring that a rotating grinding disc (11) manually is transferred from an inactive position to an active position, and

that effecting grinding of a cutter link (39) of the saw chain (26) is effected when the grinding disc (11) has assumed its an active position,

wherein the transfer of the grinding disc (11) from an inactive position to an active position is effected by means of a rectilinear movement of the centre of rotation (8) of the grinding disc (11), characterized in that and wherein the rectilinear movement is carried out by rolling contact between a supporting means (5) and a guide (1).

Claim 2 (currently amended): Method according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the clamping of the chain (26) is effected before the grinding disc (11) has assumed its active position.

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Claim 3 (currently amended): Method according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that wherein the manual transfer of the grinding disc (11) from an inactive to an active position automatically generates a clamping of the saw chain (26).

Claim 4 (currently amended): Device for grinding a saw chain, said device comprising means (25) for clamping the saw chain (26) in a position suitable for grinding, a rotatable grinding disc (11) and means for manually transferring the grinding disc (11) from an inactive position to an active position, wherein grinding of a cutter link (39) of the saw chain (26) is performed, the device further comprising a guide (1), a carriage (5) displaceable along the guide (1), said carriage (5) supporting the grinding disc (11), the cooperating means between the guide (1) and the carriage (5) being designed in such a way that the carriage (5) moves rectilinear along the guide (1), characterized in that wherein rotatable means (7) are provided to abut the guide (1) in order to establish a rolling contact when the carriage (5) is displaced relative to the guide (1).

Claim 5 (currently amended): Device according to claim 4, characterized in that wherein the guide (1) is equipped with external grooves (3) on opposite sides of the guide (1), and that the rotatable means (7) are received in the grooves (3).

Claim 6 (currently amended): Device according to claim 5, characterized in that wherein the rotatable means constitute ball bearings (7).

Claim 7 (currently amended): Device according to any of the claims 4-6, characterized in that wherein the means for manually transferring the grinding disc (11) from an inactive position to an active position comprise a link system (13,15) that is pivotally connected to the guide (1), and a control handle (22) that is intended to be manually activated by [[the]]an operator.

Claim 8 (currently amended): Device according to claim 4, characterized in that wherein the means (25) for clamping the saw chain (26) comprise a wire (31) that is arranged in such a way that when the wire (31) is subjected to a force in a predetermined direction along the wire (31) two chain rulers (29) of the clamping means are urged towards each other thereby effecting a clamping of a drive link (38) of the saw chain (26) between the chain rulers (29).

Claim 9 (currently amended): Device according to claim 8, characterized in that wherein an abutment (34) is provided at thean end of the wire (31) that is located adjacent to the chain rulers (29), that the wire (31) extends through the chain rulers (29), and that the wire (31) is connected to a second link (15) that is part of the means for transferring the grinding disc (11) from an inactive to an active position.

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Claim 10 (currently amended): Device according to claim 9, characterized in that wherein the wire (31) is resiliently connected to the second link (15), via a pressure spring (37).

Claim 11 (currently amended): Device according to claim 5, characterized in that wherein the means (25) for clamping the saw chain (26) comprise a wire (31) that is arranged in such a way that when the wire (31) is subjected to a force in a predetermined direction along the wire (31) two chain rulers (29) of the clamping means are urged towards each other thereby effecting a clamping of a drive link (38) of the saw chain (26) between the chain rulers (29).

Claim 12 (currently amended): Device according to claim 6, characterized in that wherein the means (25) for clamping the saw chain (26) comprise a wire (31) that is arranged in such a way that when the wire (31) is subjected to a force in a predetermined direction along the wire (31) two chain rulers (29) of the clamping means are urged towards each other thereby effecting a clamping of a drive link (38) of the saw chain (26) between the chain rulers (29).

Claim 13 (currently amended): Device according to claim 7, characterized in that wherein the means (25) for clamping the saw chain (26) comprise a wire (31) that is arranged in such a way that when the wire (31) is subjected to a force in a predetermined direction along the wire (31) two chain rulers (29) of the clamping means are urged towards each other thereby effecting a clamping of a drive link (38) of the saw chain (26) between the chain rulers (29).